

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

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Red River Compact Commission



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Red River Compact Commission

Background

- Negotiations on the Red River Compact were authorized by Congress, Public Law No. 346, 84th Congress, First Session (August 4, 1955)
- The first meeting was held in New Orleans on March 6-7, 1956
- The Compact was signed by member states to resolve and prevent disputes over waters of the Red River Basin that are shared between the neighboring states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, and to assure the receipt by member states of adequate surface flows and releases
- The Signatory States acting through their duly authorized Compact Commissioners, after years of negotiations, agreed to an equitable apportionment of the waters of the Red River and its tributaries

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- The Commissioners (two from each state) recommended that this Compact be adopted by the respective State Legislatures and approved by Congress
- Approved May 12, 1978 at Denison Dam on the Texas-Oklahoma border
- Ratified by each member State
 - Louisiana – LA RS 38:20, Act 71, 1978 Regular Session of the Legislature
 - Oklahoma - Laws 1979, HB 1388, c. 136, § 1, emerg. eff. May 3, 1979
 - Texas - Acts 1979, 66th Leg., p. 551, ch. 261, Sec. 1, eff. May 24, 1979
 - Arkansas Code Ann. § 15-23-501 et seq.
- Consented to by Act of Congress

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Principal Purpose of Compact

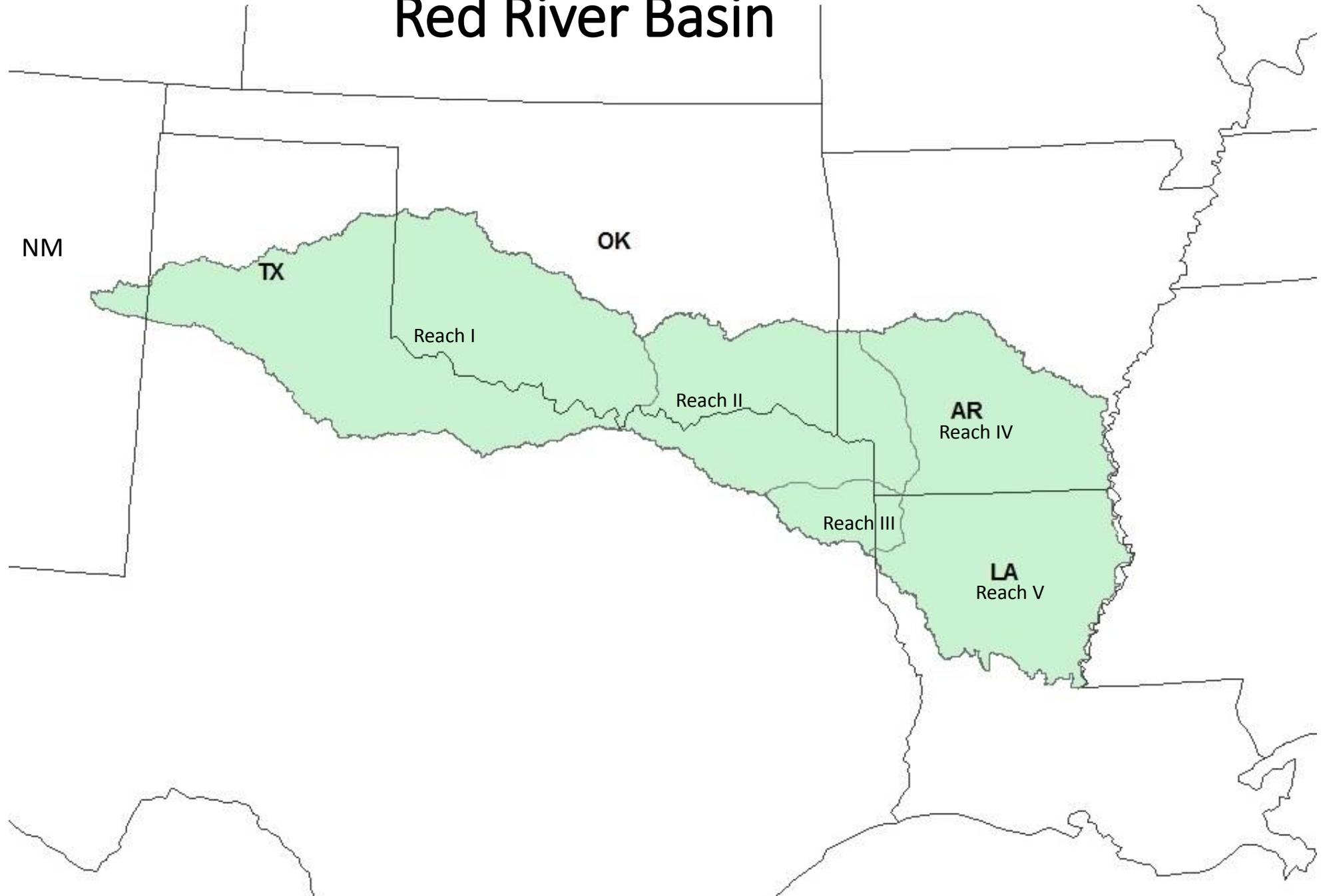
- To promote interstate comity and remove causes of controversy between each of the affected states by governing the use, control and distribution of the interstate water of the Red River and its tributaries;
- To provide an equitable apportionment among the Signatory States of the water of the Red River and its tributaries;
- To promote an active program for the control and alleviation of natural deterioration and pollution of the water of the Red River Basin and to provide for enforcement of the laws related thereto;

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- To provide the means for an active program for the conservation of water, protection of lives and property from floods, improvement of water quality, development of navigation and regulation of flows in the Red River Basin; and
- To provide a basis for state or joint state planning and action by ascertaining and identifying each state's share in the interstate water of the Red River Basin and the apportionment thereof.

Red River Basin



Reach I

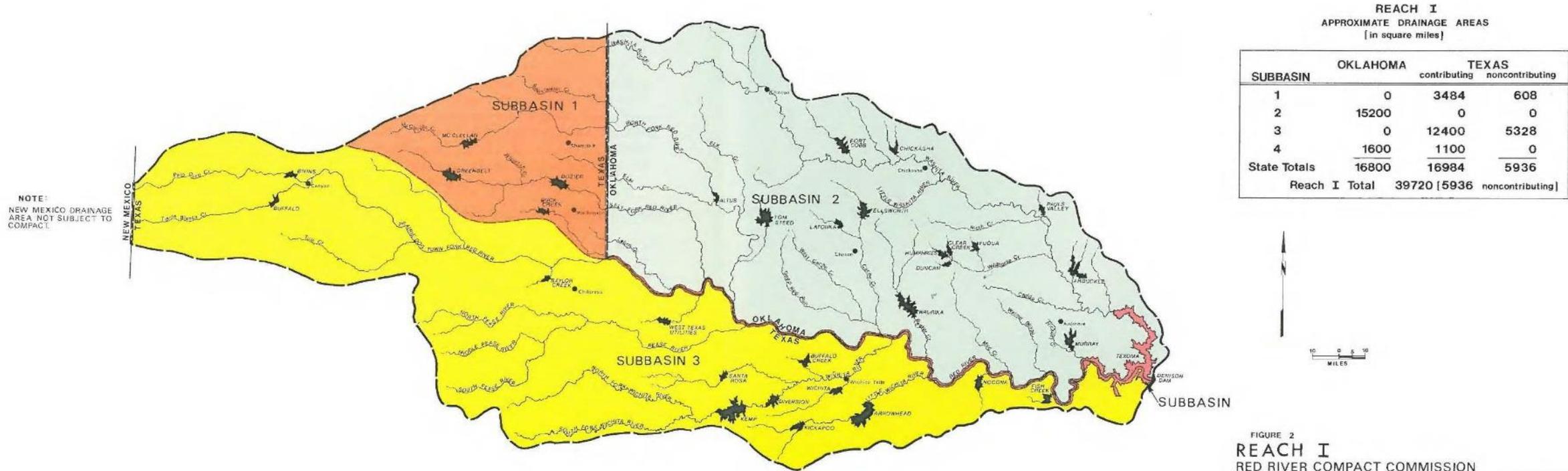
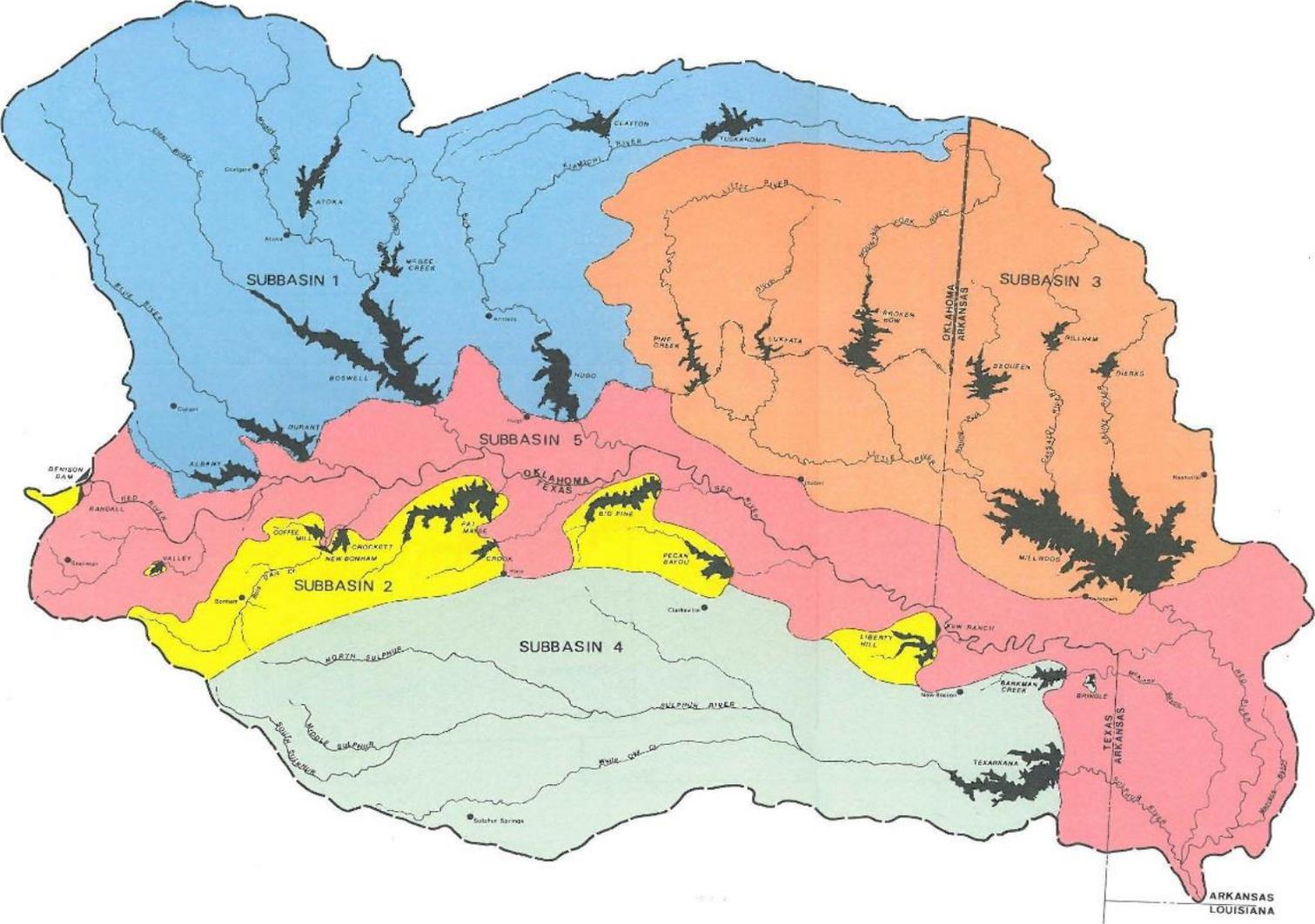


FIGURE 2
REACH I
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Reach II



REACH II
APPROXIMATE DRAINAGE AREAS
[in square miles]

SUBBASIN	ARKANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS
1	0	4765	0
2	0	0	930
3	1996	2148	0
4	0	0	3480
5	1561	858	1485
State Totals	3557	7771	5895
Reach II Total	17223		

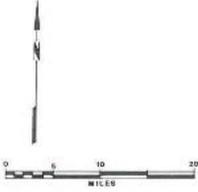
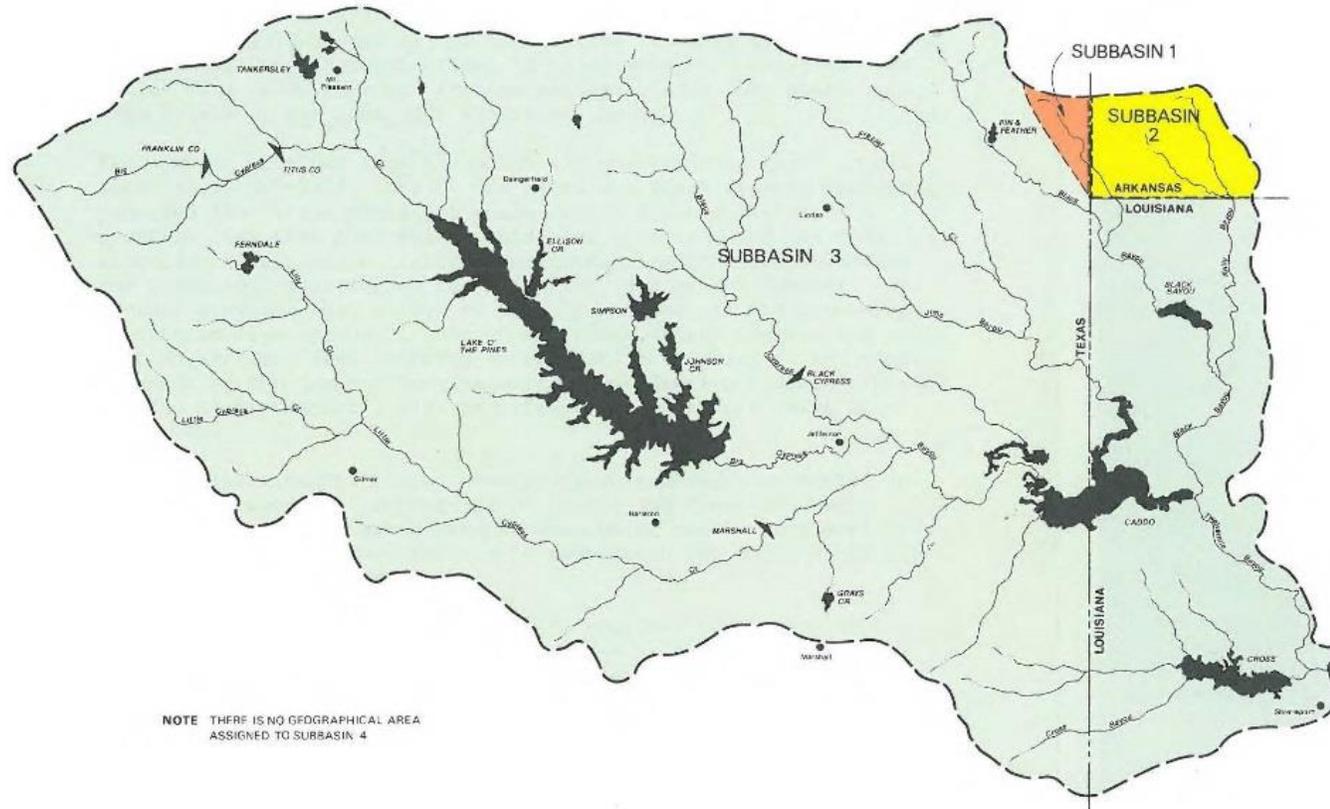


FIGURE 3
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Reach III



NOTE THERE IS NO GEOGRAPHICAL AREA ASSIGNED TO SUBBASIN 4

REACH III
APPROXIMATE DRAINAGE AREAS
[in square miles]

SUBBASIN	ARKANSAS	LOUISIANA	TEXAS
1	0	0	20
2	84	0	0
3*	0	686	2732
State Totals	84	686	2752
Reach III Total	3522		

*Note Subbasin 3 also includes Subbasin 4 area. Boundary had not been identified on date of this report.

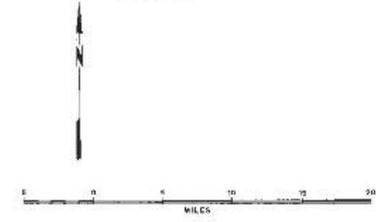
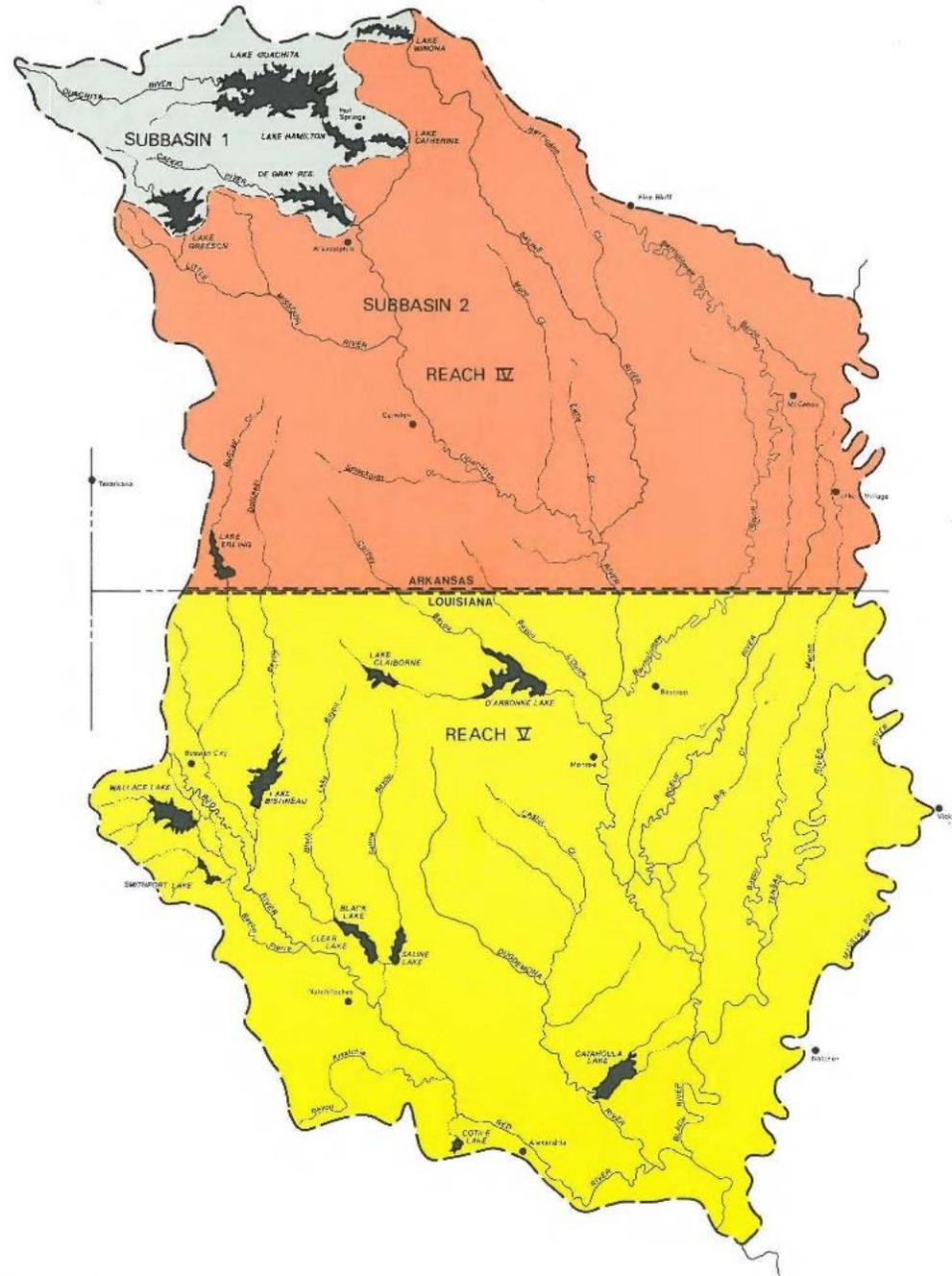


FIGURE 9
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Reach IV and V



REACH IV
APPROXIMATE DRAINAGE AREAS
[in square miles]

ARKANSAS	
SUBBASIN	
1	2250
2	13498
State Total	15748
Reach IV Total 15748	

REACH V
APPROXIMATE DRAINAGE AREA
[in square miles]

LOUISIANA	
SUBBASIN	
N/A	
State Total	17267
Reach V Total 17267	

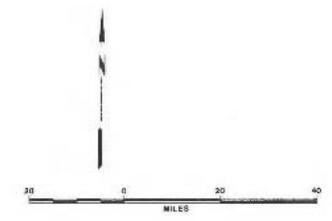


FIGURE 10
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River Data

Flow threshold 40 CFS

- Boeuf River
 - Below Compact Standard
 - 2011 – 190 days
 - 2012 – 35 days
 - 2013 – 53 days
 - 2014 – 72 days
 - 2015 – 57 days
 - 2016 – 69 days to date
 - Zero Flow
 - 2011 – 150 days
 - 2012 – 65 days
 - 2013 – 9 days
 - 2014 – 6 days
 - 2015 – 28 days
 - 2016 – 33 day to date

River Data

Flow threshold 80 CFS

- Bayou Bartholomew
 - Below Compact Standard
 - 2011 – 164 days
 - 2012 – 63 days
 - 2013 – 30 days
 - 2014 – 92 days
 - 2015 – 49 days
 - 2016 – 67 days to date
 - Zero Flow
 - 2011 – 0 days
 - 2012 – 0 days
 - 2013 – 0 days
 - 2014 – 0 days
 - 2015 – 9 days
 - 2016 – 0 days

River Data

Flow threshold 40 CFS

- Bayou Macon

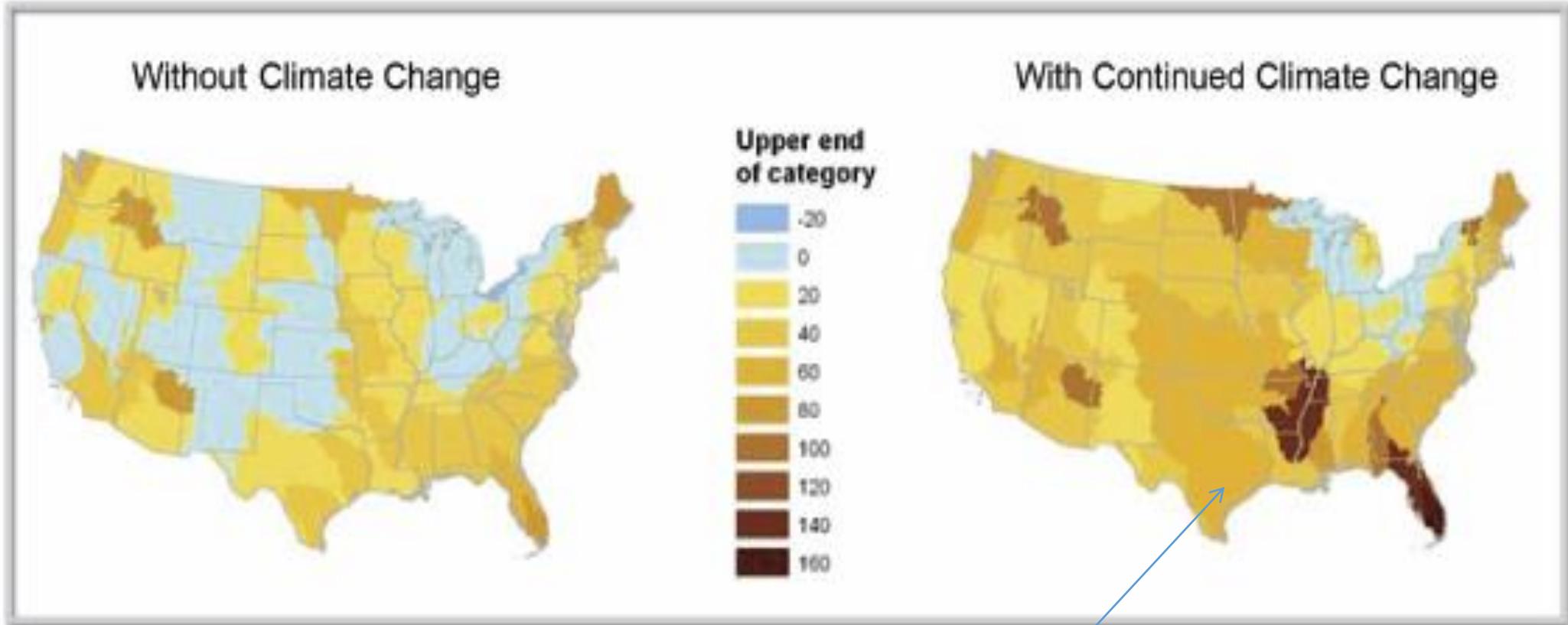
- Below Compact Standard

- 2011 – 11 days
 - 2012 – 1 days
 - 2013 – 0 days
 - 2014 – 1 days
 - 2015 – 37 days
 - 2016 – 0 days to date

- Zero Flow

- 2011 – 0 days
 - 2012 – 0 days
 - 2013 – 0 days
 - 2014 – 0 days
 - 2015 – 0 days
 - 2016 – 0 days

Projected Changes in Water Withdrawal



Percent Change

Climate change will increase irrigation demand in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley by 180%

Questions?

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